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On the island of Anjouan the natives rose, armed themselves, spread over the country, pillaging, and massacred 300 persons. The French war ships now in the Indian coast have been ordered to proceed to the islands to quell the revolt. [The Anjouan or Johanna island is the central one most fertile and the largest of the Comore islands, in Mozambique channel. It is twenty-six miles in length by eighteen miles in breadth, and has a central peak 3800 feet above the sea. The population is about 13,000. On the north side is the walled town of Mouamoudou, the seat of the Sultan of the island.]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE MONEY MARKET.
London, 12th April.—Five hundred thousand pounds in gold was withdrawn from the Bank of England yesterday, which, it is reported, is for the Austrian Government, who are slated to be collecting gold for the purpose of fixing a gold standard. It is calculated, if the report is true, that Austria will absorb one million of gold monthly till the end of this year.

THE ANTI-OPIUM DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.
London, 11th April.—In the House of Commons last night, a motion brought forward by Sir Joseph Pakington, that the Indian Government should veto to grant licences for the cultivation of opium and

for the sale of opium in British India, except for medical purposes, was adopted by 161 votes against 130.

On the 12th, Sir James Wilson took place on the motion. Sir James Wilson pointed out the difficulty of replacing the revenue from opium by other taxation and said that the Indian Government were trying to gradually reduce the consumption of the drug.

Sir Richard Temple said that the withdrawal of opium from the Indian market arising from the trade in opium, and would seriously impair the revenue of India.

The *Daily News* and the *Daily Chronicle*, discussing the question of the opium trade in India, rejoice at the passing of Sir James Wilson's resolution. The *Daily News* says that this unexpected success at the House must be vigorously pursued, as the present Government will probably not put the resolution into execution, but the Indian Government, it adds, will regard it as a triumph. It speaks of the feeling at home on the matter.

London, 12th April.—The *Times*, discussing the vote taken on the opium trade in India, suggests that the Government should find an occasion for settling whether the House of Commons is in earnest in passing Sir James Wilson's resolution.

The *St. James's Gazette* says that no such display of ignorance and hypocrisy has been seen in the House of Commons since the resolution repealing the Contagious Diseases Act was passed.

THE IRISH RAIL.

London, 12th April.—The Committee of the Irish National League in America have resolved to offer their good offices as arbitrators between the rival factions of the Irish Parliamentary party, with a view to restoring a unity of the party.

NET WEIGHT OF THE CROWN.

ACHOEN AFFAIRS.
A correspondent at Kota Rajah, under date the 9th inst., writes to the *Peking Gazette*, to give his views of the state of affairs. He says as long as fifteen years ago the great Dutch author Dondes Dickker predicted that the downfall of the Dutch Government—Bengal was the most potent alcohol, and events tend to confirm his prophecy. The Achinese war is maintained at the expense of the inhabitants of the island. The Achinese and native allies, thought in every province, are the cause of the burden of taxation in some provinces is so heavy that discontent is rife and disturbances have broken out. The Javanese are impoverished and trade languishes. The people are discontented with the Government, altered for the worse during the past ten years. Formerly, the Dutch inspired some fear; now they dare not venture 1,000 yards beyond the walls of their fortresses without fear of being killed. During the past week a soldier on sentry duty at Stroom was killed, and at the fortresses of Lumbouze the officers, who were sitting in the courtyard under a tree of enormous size, took no notice of the soldiers who were passing by. These and other sort of outrages go on along the whole line. The Achinese are allowed to bring their fruit for sale even within the lines at Kota Rajah, but are not permitted to enter the town. This prohibition leads to continual smuggling, the police being engaged nightly in conflicts with smugglers.

propter consuetudinem ad hunc originalem taxam
 non mutatur. Quia Sultanus non potest
 Sultanis residentibus, et occupatis a proprio
 positione ad the mouth of the Aechou
 river, and not have penetrated into the
 interior. The Sultan Abdul Rauid is
 not willing to quit Kancala. Seeing that
 his income is reduced by the Dutch, he
 is willing to offer his submission, but is
 prevented from doing so by his uncle
 Hassan, who is described as 'having
 great influence over him, and as a vigorous
 and fanatical and bitter enemy of the Dutch'.
 The Sultan is consequently kept close
 at Kancala. The enemies of the Dutch
 are said to be the great chiefs who, with
 their lands and well-armed men, are
 thoroughly experienced in gorilla warfare.
 The present blockade doubtless presses
 heavily on the Achinese, as they are pre-
 vented from selling their pepper, and con-
 sequently from obtaining money wherewith
 to purchase their necessities. Poverty and
 riot is very dear. The blockade may prove
 efficacious in the long run, and after a long
 time, but, as soon as the war the men-of-
 war have cruised about Kancala, and the pepper
 in fact, the rebellion will be sure to
 break out again. Altogether, our con-
 siderations take a pessimist view of affairs,
 and considers the Achinese only when dead
 can be called the friends of the Dutch.

Exchange.

Hongkong, April 28.

On London	
Bank, Wires	3/4
On demand	3/4
30 days' sight	3/4
4 months' sight	3/4
Credit; 4	3/4
6 months' sight	3/4
On Paris	
On demand	3/9

Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	4.06
On Berlin—	
On demand,	3.20
On New York—	
On demand,	77
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	78 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire,	221 1/2
On demand,	222
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	221 1/2
On demand,	222
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	71 1/2
60 days' sight, private paper, ...	75 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine,	\$23.00 per 100

